

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:90
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STANDARD OF EDUCATION IN GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether according to a Government report on elementary education released on January 22,2008, only about 43 per cent of the students in Government schools passed with more than 60 per cent marks at the primary level with girls doing slightly better than boys;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken to improve the standard of education at the primary level?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a)to(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.90 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.03.2008 ASKED BY SHRI ABU AYES MONDAL REGARDING STANDARD OF EDUCATION IN GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOLS

(a)to(c): National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA) collects elementary school statistics annually through the District Information System for Education (DISE) from all districts in the country. According to DISE data 2006-07, 45.04 % students passed with 60% and above marks, at the exit classes of the primary stage. Girls have performed slightly better than boys, and the percentage of girls and boys passing with 60% and above marks is 45.12% and 44.96 % respectively.

State-wise percentage of boys and girls securing 60% and above marks in the examination at the end of Grade IV/V, as per District Information System (DISE) data 2006-07, is at Annexure.

Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, several activities have been undertaken to improve the quality of elementary education. This includes recruitment of 8.32 lakh additional teachers to improve the pupil teacher ratio, in-service training of teachers for a period of 20 days every year, free distribution of textbooks for primary and upper primary classes to about 6.5 crore Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and girl students, academic support to primary and upper primary schools through 6395 Block Resource Centres and 68352 Cluster Resource Centres and regular evaluation of students.